

The East Texas statesman is also here,

With his rod and his gun laid by.
He has poured the sand from his Sunday shoes;

He has set his standards high;
For his principles are firm and strong,

And his mind is keen and bright—
The man who comes from the sandy lands,

Where none but the fishes bite.

From the fields of the black land belt they come,

Where the crops turn into gold;
They have scraped the mud from their stout brogans,

And their names are now enrolled
In their rightful place 'mong the chosen ones—

The flower of our peerless State—
Who know no law but the people's will,

Supreme and inviolate.

From the western plains come the statesmen bold,

Where the maverick is no more,
Where the graybeards sit 'round the glowing fires

And tell of the days of yore;
Where they grow tall men, stalwart and strong,

Whom you cannot buy nor sell,
And who voice the needs of the "folks at home"

And the State they love so well.

Alike from the south have the patriots come,

From the land of palm and pine,
Where the night birds sing and the flowers bloom,

And the sea waves glint and shine;
Where their history reads like a fair romance

That abounds in gallant deeds;—
Such men as these are the kind that come

To care for the people's needs.

And hence are the eyes of the Texas hosts

To the Legislature turned;
For they know that the men assembled here

The people's will have learned;
And they feel that our Texas statutes will

Record on their pages white
The acts of the noble Thirty-fifth
As wise, and just, and right.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, January 25, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Prayer by Rev. John R. Nelson of Fort Worth.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Westbrook.

See Appendix for brief statement of petitions and memorials.

See Appendix for standing committee reports in full.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917,

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a common county line school district, to be known as the Auburn District, to be under the jurisdiction, management and control of the county school board of Ellis County, Texas; to be composed of the territory described in this Act,

and defining the rights, powers and privileges of such district, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Llano County, Texas, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public highways and bridges by the commissioners court, and the fixing of the term of office and salary, and defining his duties."

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1874 and Article 1875, Chapter 6, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to citations by publication against a defendant who is a non-resident of the State, or who is absent from the State, or who is a transient person, or whose residence is unknown or who is the unknown heir of a deceased person."

With engrossed rider.

H. B. No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Freeport Independent School District, in Brazoria County, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of common school district No. 35 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said common school district No. 35, providing for the government thereof as under the general laws applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Odem Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 7, in San Patricio County, Texas, including within its limits the town of Odem, and defining its boundaries; and providing for the creating of trustees thereof and conferring upon the board of trustees practically plenary powers; providing for a board of equalization, and prescribing the duties and authorities thereof and further prescribing the duties, authority and limitation of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue or issues of bonds heretofore voted; giving the county board of trustees concurrent jurisdiction with the Legislature in changing the boundary lines of said district; making all changes in districts affected by this Act; prescribing the time when this Act shall become effective, and re-

pealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act."

With engrossed rider.

H. B. No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Brazoria Independent School District in Brazoria County, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 21 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of Common School District No. 21, providing for the government thereof as under the general law applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

Requests the Senate to grant permission to take up and consider H. J. R. No. 1, deferring action on Senate Bills on the House calendar until said resolution is disposed of.

Adopted S. C. R. No. 7, relating to a donation, by the citizens of Erath County, to the State of Texas, certain properties located in Stephenville, Texas. The following has been appointed on part of the House: Messrs. Miller of Dallas, Low of Washington, Blalock, Thomason of Nacogdoches and Johnson.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 11, referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 163; referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 269, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 292, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

Bills and Resolutions.

Simple Resolution No. 47.

By Senator Westbrook:

Be It Resolved, That the Senate request the Comptroller to furnish the Senate an itemized statement of

all appropriations for each department of the State for the preceding years of 1915 and 1916, and the manner in which said appropriations for said departments have been expended, with the end in view of obtaining information that would be valuable to the Finance Committee in passing on appropriations for the next two ensuing years.

The resolution was read and by unanimous consent was laid on the table subject to call.

By Senator Henderson:

S. B. No. 215, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 911, Chapter 5, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Henderson:

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Seventy-sixth and the Seventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, so as to declare what counties compose the Seventy-sixth Judicial District, and the Seventh Judicial District; to fix the time of holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make the process issued to be served before this Act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of courts as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Dean:

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 155 of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; reorganizing the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of Texas; adding thereto the county of Tyler, and removing said county from the First Judicial District of Texas; fixing the time of holding court in the said Seventy-fifth Judicial District and the Ninth Judicial District; repealing by omitting from this Act parts of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of said Acts so amended and repealing entirely Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9 of said Act so amended, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Gibson:

S. B. No. 218, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved by the Governor on the 26th day of September, 1914, the same being known as House Bill No. 4. The purpose of this bill is to so amend said Act that the Warehouse and Marketing Department thereby created shall hereafter be known as the Marketing and Warehouse Department of the State of Texas; the Marketing and Warehouse Department shall hereafter be administered by one person, who shall be known by the official title of Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses of the State of Texas, but who may be designated in this bill as 'Commissioner,' who shall be appointed by the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to fix the compensation of said Commissioner, and to provide for paying the compensation so fixed; defining the powers and duties of said Commissioner; to provide the said Commissioner with a chief clerk, and such other assistants as he may require to fully administer this amending Act; to fix the compensation for said chief clerk and other assistants, and to provide for the payment of the compensation so fixed; to provide a more efficient system of marketing and warehousing of farm products; and to provide standards of weights and measures, and standards of grades and classes for all farm products; also, to provide rules and regulations to compel the use of such weights and measures, and grades and classes, in the purchase and sale of all such products within this State; to authorize and require the Commissioner to fix and enforce the compensation for cotton ginning; to provide and enforce rules and regulations for ginning, baling, weighing, marking and sampling of cotton and such other necessary service as may be incident to ginning cotton and preparing it for sale in the primary market; to provide and enforce necessary rules for making and keeping necessary records of each bale of cot-

ton ginned; to provide for sampling cotton at gins, and for wrapping, sealing and certifying to such samples, so taken; to provide what shall constitute cotton gins, public utilities; authorize the licensing of such gins; and putting all such gins under the supervision, management, and control of the Commissioner; providing that all such gins shall give bonds, how such bonds may be made, and regulating the amount of each such bond; creating the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Markets a board to hear and determine matters of dispute between licensed ginners under rules and regulations adopted by said board, and creating the Governor president of said board; to provide a system of rural credit associations; to provide a system of co-operative marketing and warehouse associations; to provide how such associations may be capitalized, governed, and controlled, under the control of the Commissioner; and authorizing said Commissioner to supervise, inspect, and regulate such warehouses, and the compensation they may charge; to authorize the Commissioner to license graders, classers and inspectors of cotton and other farm products; to define their duties and to fix and test their qualifications; to define, fix and enforce their liabilities; to fix and collect a license fee from such persons; to provide and fix a bond for each such classifier or grader; and to fix and limit their compensation for such services; to fix and enforce penalties for violating the terms and requirements of this Act; to provide for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Bailey, Hudspeth and Lattimore:

S. B. No. 219, A bill to be entitled "An Act denying to railroad corporations and other common carriers, their representatives and successors, the right to have, claim, justify, vindicate or enforce any power, benefit or privilege given or described in any law of Texas, and denying to any court created by any law of Texas jurisdiction over any cause brought or proposed to be brought by any such corporation, its successors or representatives to fix, claim or in any

wise enforce, any such right, power, benefit or privilege, where such corporation shall on or after March 1, 1917, disobey the requirements of any constitutional or statutory provision of this State, or any order, rate, rule or regulation of the Railroad Commission of Texas, pertaining to intrastate freight or passenger transportation where such disobedience, etc., is not absolutely necessary to lawful compliance with mandatory regulations prescribed by Congress, or by the Interstate Commerce Commission, or other Federal board, in the due and proper exercise of jurisdiction conferred upon them; specifically defining some, but not all, of the laws, the powers, privileges, and benefits of which are hereby defined; providing that the denial of the future use or enjoyment of such powers, privileges or benefits shall not relieve such corporation, or its successors, of the performance of any public duty or to destroy, waive, or otherwise impair liability for penalties, forfeitures, and other remedies incurred by such corporation through such disobedience to be grounds of forfeiture; providing for suits for forfeiture, venue for same, and regulating certain defences therein; providing for and regulating the appointment of receivers in such suits; declaring the terms, etc., of the Act to be separable; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 220, A bill to be entitled "An Act to remit all State ad valorem taxes in Chambers county for a period of five years beginning the first day of October, A. D. 1917, and all State poll taxes collected from persons in the county of Chambers, except that portion belonging to the public school fund, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 221, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an adequate method of regulating the practice of civil engineering in the State; defining civil engineering and surveying; creating a Board of Engineering Ex-

aminers and prescribing its powers, duties and compensation; providing for a special fund to be derived from fees; providing for certificates of registration and for examinations and licensing civil engineers and surveyors; defining the qualifications of civil engineers and surveyors; prescribing the mode and manner of holding examinations, and the form of license; authorizing the issuance of licenses without examination under certain conditions; fixing fees; providing for a record of certificates of registration and licenses; providing for issuance of surveyor's license to civil engineers without examination under certain conditions; fixing the life of certificates of registration and licenses and providing for renewals thereof; authorizing the issuance of temporary licenses; providing for revocation of certificates of registration, and licenses; providing for appeals; providing a penalty for the practice or attempted practice of civil engineering or surveying without a license or certificate of registration; requiring certain classes of reports, maps or other official documents to bear certificates of registered or licensed civil engineers or surveyors; providing for exemptions under certain conditions; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the parties to and venue of suits against foreign railroad corporations, assignees, trustees and receivers, and providing additional means of obtaining service on non-resident railroad corporations or companies in this State, and defining who are agents of such railway corporations or companies, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

S. B. No. 223, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase and lease of real property by county school trustees of all common school districts and of those independent school districts having less than 150 scholastics, and by the trustees of all

independent school districts having 150 scholastics or more in the State of Texas, by condemnation proceedings, for the purpose of furnishing play-grounds and sites upon which to build schoolhouses and for agricultural purposes to be used in connection with said schools."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Harley:

S. B. No. 224, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 86, Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, by adding after Article 5644 a new Article to be entitled 5644a, providing for a lien for newspaper workers in the editorial or reportorial department of any newspaper, publication, or periodical, whether it be daily or otherwise, also any solicitor, clerk or other employe in the advertising business office of any newspaper, publication or periodical, whether it be daily or otherwise, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Caldwell:

S. B. No. 225, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Georgetown Independent School District in the County of Williamson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Georgetown of the control of its public free schools and the title of all property now held and used for public free school purposes, and vesting the same in the said Georgetown Independent School District and its board of trustees; for the assessment and collection of taxes; granting power to issue coupon bonds and providing for a sinking fund; and providing for a treasurer of the school funds of the district; and granting power to said board of trustees and plenary authority to issue coupon bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and erecting, furnishing, equipping and maintaining schools and school buildings within said district; and providing for the election of trustees, and tax and bond elections; and providing for an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Johnston of Harris:
S. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Section 19, Chapter 67, of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, which was approved March 11, 1911, relating to the term of office of the Criminal District Attorney of Harris County, and to amend Section 22 of the Act mentioned, as originally passed and as amended by Chapter 14 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, relating to the pay of the assistant Criminal district attorneys of said county; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence."

House Bill No. 275.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry called up from the table and the Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts, so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the processes issued to serve before this Act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 275 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Dayton.
Bee.	Dean.
Buchanan of Bell.	Decherd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Floyd.
Caldwell.	Gibson.
Clark.	Hall.

Harley.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hopkins.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Johnson of Hall.	Strickland.
Johnston of Harris.	Sulter.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent.

King. McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Balley.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent.

King. McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Balley.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 275 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 61.

(Regular order.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading:

H. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto County, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 61 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Dechard.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Bee.	McCollum.
King.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent.

Hudspeth.	McCollum.
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Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 61 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Morning call concluded.

Relating to H. J. R. No. 1.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Lattimore the Chair laid before the Senate the following resolution from the House:

Whereas, The House on last week set House Joint Resolution No. 1 as special order for Thursday at 10 o'clock, and whereas, Section 6 of Rule 18 requires that only Senate Bills on their third and second reading can be considered on that day without the consent of the Senate. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this House request the Senate to grant it permission to take up and consider said House Joint Resolution No. 1 deferring action on Senate Bills on the House Calendar until said resolution is disposed of.

Cope, Butler, Fly, Crudgington.

The request was granted by the Senate on motion of Senator Lattimore.

Senate Bill No. 211.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Strickland, the Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading,

S. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the General Laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district as a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them powers, and so forth, given by the General Laws, and declaring an emergency."

The rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Strickland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 211

put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Gibson.	McCollum.
Lattimore.	

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Lattimore.	Woodward.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Senator Strickland moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 211 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Stenographer Resigned.

The Chair here announced the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Mitch-

ell, Senator Dean's stenographer, effective today, and the appointment of Miss Lila Fuller to fill the vacancy, effective tomorrow.

Assigned to Mailing Room.

Under the Senate resolution authorizing appointment by me of both a private secretary and a stenographer, I find that one employe is sufficient for my work. In view of the fact that Curtis Knobelsdorf, whom I first named as secretary, and who has been ill, has now resumed his work, I have assigned Edwin Wroe, whom I named temporarily as secretary, to work as an assistant in the mailing room, where his services are needed. I will continue this arrangement if satisfactory to the Senate.

W. P. HOBBY,
Lieutenant Governor.

Special Committee Named.

Committee authorized by Concurrent Resolution No. 7 to visit Stephenville: Senators Harley, Hudspeth, Strickland, Gibson, Henderson.

The foregoing appointments were made by the Lieutenant Governor.

Simple Resolution No. 47.

Senator Westbrook, by unanimous consent, called up Simple Resolution No. 47 from the table and the Chair laid the same before the Senate.

Senator Westbrook offered the following substitute for the pending resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish to the Senate all accounts that have been approved by him, and warrants issued therefor, for the years 1915, 1916 and 1917, and that he shall be permitted to bring in person or send by a representative any or all vouchers subject to call, for inspection by the Senate and Finance Committee with the end in view of obtaining information that would be valuable to the Senate and Finance Committee in passing on appropriations for the next two ensuing years.

The substitute was read and adopted.

The resolution as substituted was then adopted.

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in the chair.)

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of a fireproof brick dormitory at the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate Hearne Independent School District in Robertson county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; divesting the city of Hearne of the control of its public free schools and of its school property, and vesting the same in said independent school district and its board of trustees; providing that all funds belonging or owing to said city schools shall inure to the benefit of said independent school district, and that all contracts made by the board of trustees of said city school shall be carried out by the board of trustees of said independent school district, but that said district shall never be liable for any indebtedness of said city; providing for a board of trustees for said district and prescribing the rights, powers and duties of said Hearne Independent School District, and providing for changes of lines in said district, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARBER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 61.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending business and on its second reading:

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, Title 52, of the Revised

Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing that no property encumbered by certain liens shall be set aside to the widow or children as exempt property, or appropriated to make up the allowances in lieu of exempt property, or for a year's support, until the debts secured by such liens are first discharged, and declaring an emergency."

Senator McNealus, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending point of order made by him on yesterday to the substitute to the pending amendment to the committee report.

Action recurred on the substitute by Senator Hopkins for the pending amendment by Senator Lattimore and the same was lost.

Action then recurred on the amendment by Senator Lattimore and the same was adopted.

Senator Hopkins offered the following amendments to Senate Bill No. 61, which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

Amend Senate Bill No. 61 by striking out in line 20, page 1 of printed bill the words "to secure creditors."

Amend the caption to Senate Bill No. 61 by striking out the word "providing" in line 8, page 1, of the printed bill and insert in lieu thereof the words "so as to provide."

Senator Hopkins offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 61, page 1, of printed bill, line 21, by striking out the words "void at the date of execution," and insert in lieu thereof the following, "valid and existing at the date of acquisition of property."

Senator Caldwell made the point of order that the amendment is one that has already been offered and rejected by the Senate and cannot be again offered.

The point of order was sustained.

Senator Hopkins offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 61, by adding after the word discharged in line 25, page 1, printed bill, the words "and provided that this Article shall apply to all estates regardless of whether solvent or insolvent."

HOPKINS.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Hopkins offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 61 by strik-

ing out in line 21 printed bill all after vendors lien, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "or liens intact at time property was acquired."

Senator Caldwell renewed his point of order urged against a former amendment

The point of order was overruled.

Senator Lattimore made the point of order that the amendment seeks to ingraft on a law a term that has no legal significance or meaning, that is, the term "intact lien," and that it is not a proper amendment.

The point of order was overruled.

Action recurred on the adoption of the amendment and Senator Page moved to table the same, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Caldwell.	Johnson of Hall.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Nays—12.

Bee.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Hall. Robbins.

Absent.

Johnston of Harris. McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Senator Page moved the previous question on the engrossment of the bill, which being duly seconded, it was ordered.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hopkins, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 61 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Nays—1.

Westbrook.

Absent.

Johnston of Harris. McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Strickland.
Henderson.	

Nays—5.

Bee.	Suiter.
Dayton.	Westbrook.
Decherd.	

Absent.

Johnston of Harris. McCollum.
King. Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Senator Hopkins moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 61 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 89.

(Regular order.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading:

S. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting the several district judges of counties of certain population a Juvenile Board of such county, and prescribing the powers and duties of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation of such officers, and allowing the said district judges an additional salary, to be paid out of the general fund of such county."

On motion of Senator McNealus, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 217.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator Dean asked unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 217, and moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and Senate Bill No. 217 put on its second reading.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Present—Not Voting.

Lattimore.

Absent.

Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

On motion of Senator Dean, the Senate rule requiring committee re-

ports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report was adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 155 of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, reorganizing the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of Texas; adding thereto the county of Tyler, and removing said county from the First Judicial District of Texas; fixing the time of holding court in the said Seventy-fifth Judicial District and the Ninth Judicial District; repealing by omitting from this act parts of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said Act so amended, and repealing entirely Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of said Act so amended, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Dean, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 217 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

Decherd. Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Caldwell.
Bee.	Clark.
Buchanan of Bell.	Dayton.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Dean.

Floyd.	Lattimore.
Gibson.	McCollum.
Hall.	McNealus.
Harley.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hopkins.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Johnson of Hall.	Suiter.
Johnston of Harris.	Woodward.
King.	

Absent.

Decherd.	Westbrook.
Strickland.	

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Senator Dean moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 217 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Simple Resolution No. 48.

(By unanimous consent.)

Be it resolved, That the Romeo Senator from Travis be instructed by the Senate to prepare, free of cost to said Senate, an old-fashioned barbecue and country dance for the Senate, the families of the Senators, and employes, at the earliest possible moment.

Dean, Lattimore, McNealus, Gibson, Smith, Hudspeth, Bee, Clark.

The resolution was read and, on motion of Senator Caldwell, was adopted.

Adjournment.

At 12:25 p. m., on motion of Senator McNealus, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX A.

Petitions and Memorials.

Two numerous signed petitions were sent up by Senators Dayton and Smith relative to the Drug Law Act.

Senator Johnson sent up a petition signed by the Hale-Swisher County Medical Society, requesting him to

use his influence against the proposed Optometry Bill.

Senator Bee offered a numerous signed petition from the citizens of San Antonio asking his active support of the chiropractic bill.

A petition from Rogers, Texas, was offered by Senator Buchanan of Bell urging the passage of S. B. No. 42, known as the "Buchanan Bill," providing for the registration of land titles.

A petition from Grayson and Collin Counties to Senator Dayton was read before the Senate, petitioning the legislators to enact a law establishing a separate board of chiropractic examiners and registration of this State.

Committee Reports.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917,

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act, being Chapter 49, General Laws of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, page 96, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio Counties,' as amended, by the Twenty-eight Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 11, page 38, as amended by the Thirtieth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 88, page 725, as amended by the Thirty-first Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 53, page 405, as amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Special Laws, Chapter 10, page 44, so as to strike the name 'Uvalde' from the provisions of said Act, and providing that the same be repealed in so far as the same applies to and operates upon 'Uvalde County,' and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Gibson, Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Clark, Floyd, Strickland.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Insurance and Banking, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 181, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 486 and 515, Chapter 5, Title 14, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, relating to the guaranty of deposits in banks, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed, with the following amendments:

Amend the bill by inserting after the word "provided" and before the word "deposits (otherwise secured)" in Article 486, the following words: "That upon deposits upon which interest in excess of 3 per cent per annum is being paid, or contracted to be paid, directly or indirectly, by said bank, its officers or stockholders, to the depositors and." And by inserting in Article 515, after the word "words" and before the words "the unsecured deposits," the following words: "Deposits bearing interest not exceeding 3 per cent and."

GIBSON, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 155 of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; reorganizing the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of Texas; adding thereto the County of Tyler, and removing said county from the First Judicial District of Texas; fixing the time of holding court in said Seventy-fifth Judicial District and Ninth Judicial District; repealing by omitting from this Act parts of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said Acts so amended and repealing entirely Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of said Act so amended, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consid-

eration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; King, Suiter, Henderson, Parr, Dean, Hall, Johnston of Harris.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred S. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent and punish desecration, mutilation and improper use of the flag of the United States of America, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred S. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of citizens of this State and of the United States, and citizens of foreign countries, having equal treaty rights with the United States on behalf of their citizens, who may be killed or injured in a foreign state or country, and providing for the procedure of trying such suits and causes of action in the courts of the State of Texas, and providing compensation therefor and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston

County, Texas; defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Alderdice, Floyd, Harley, Dayton, Page, Lattimore, Gibson.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6581 and 6582, Revised Statutes 1911, so as to require all persons, corporations and receivers engaged in the repairing and construction of railway cars, trucks and other railway equipment in this State to provide at points where as many as five men are regularly employed in such work, suitable premises and shelter for the protection of such employes from rain, heat and other inclement weather while engaged in such repair work, prescribing the character of such premises and shelter; prohibiting the working of such employes by such persons, corporations and receivers in such work outside of such shelter; providing penalties for the violation of this Act, fixing the time within which this shelter shall be provided, the time this Act shall take effect, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred S. B. No. 59,

Have had the same under consider-

ation, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

HALL.

McCOLLUM.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act making emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of West Texas State Normal College to augment the money heretofore appropriated for the regular term of 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HUDSPETH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 113, a bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor to practice law without license in any justice court, corporation, city or police court, county court, district court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, or any other court of this State; prescribing a penalty and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PAGE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 101, a bill to be entitled "An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company or receiver thereof, or any other common carrier, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its or their own use any article of freight received by

it, or them, for transportation and delivery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee of such article; providing that the terms of this Act are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the following committee substitute pass in lieu thereof:

By Committee. C. S. for S. B. No. 101.

A BILL
To be entitled

An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, in this State, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its own use any carload shipment or substantial portion of any such carload shipment of any article or commodity of freight traffic received by it, or them, for transportation and delivery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee thereof; providing that the terms of this Act are separable and are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any railway company or receiver thereof in this State to confiscate or otherwise convert to its own use any carload shipment or substantial portion of any such carload shipment of any article or commodity of freight traffic received by it, or them, for transportation and delivery without the express consent of the shipper, owner or consignee thereof, and the acts of the agents, officers and employes of such carrier or receiver within the apparent scope of their duties or authority with respect to such conversion or confiscation, shall be deemed to be the acts of such railway company, receiver or other carrier. The provisions of this act shall not apply to conversion of freight where the same has been damaged or intermingled with other freight in wrecks.

Sec. 2. In addition to all other remedies or penalties that may now be provided by law therefor, the violation of any of the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall subject the railway company, receiver or other common carrier so offending to a penalty of not less than one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in favor of the State of Texas and further penalty of twice the amount of the purchase price of the converted shipment in favor of the owner or consignee thereof.

Sec. 3. The terms, rights and remedies provided by this Act are hereby declared to be cumulative of all other laws and the rights and remedies thereby provided upon the subject.

Sec. 4. The terms of this Act are hereby declared to be separable, and if for any reason any portion of the Act should be held to be invalid, the remainder thereof shall remain in full force and effect. It is further declared that this Act is intended to apply to all classes of freight traffic, but if it should be held that the same may not constitutionally apply to certain portion or portions of such traffic, then it shall remain in full force and effect nevertheless, and apply to all other such traffic.

Sec. 5. The fact that there is now no adequate law to prevent the confiscation of articles and commodities of freight traffic in this State, or providing adequate remedies therefor, together with the fact that such articles are being unlawfully confiscated, resulting in suffering and inconvenience to the people, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and that this Act take effect upon and from its passage, and such rule is hereby suspended, and it is so enacted.

JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred S. B. No. 170, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Eighty-second Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of Falls County, and re-arrang-

ing the terms of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District and eliminating Falls County from said Fifty-fourth District; prescribing the time for impaneling grand juries in said Fifty-fourth District; prescribing the jurisdiction and fixing the times for holding court and impaneling grand juries in said Eighty-second District; providing for the completion by the judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District of such term of court as may be in session in either county of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District as now constituted at the time this Act takes effect; providing for the appointment and tenure and fixing salary of a judge for said Eighty-second Judicial District; providing for the appointment of an official court reporter therefor; providing for the present District Clerk of Falls County to be the clerk of the said Eighty-second District and continue to hold office for the term for which he was elected; providing for the trial and disposition by said Eighty-second District Court of all business pending in said district court of Falls County at the time this Act shall take effect, and for the return of all writs and process to and cognizance of all bonds and recognizances by said District Court of Falls County as constituting the Eighty-second Judicial District, which shall have been issued, entered into or filed in connection with any business of said Falls County District Court prior to the taking effect of this Act; repealing that part of Section 3, of Chapter 3 of the General Laws enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, which constituted Falls County a part of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, and that part of Section 8 of said Act wherein it provides for the holding of court in Falls County as a part of said Fifty-fourth Judicial District, as well as repealing all other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

BUCHANAN of Scurry,
Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred S. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Article 30, of Title 5, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to declare what counties compose the Sixteenth Judicial District of Texas; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the process issued or served before this Act takes effect, including recognizances and bail bonds, returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency, and fixing a time for this Act to take effect,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

BUCHANAN of Scurry, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the various counties comprising the Sixty-third Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but be not printed.

BUCHANAN of Scurry, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

By Parr.

S. B. No. 202.

A BILL

To be entitled

An Act to change the name of Wil-
lacy County to Mifflin Kennedy
County, and to repeal all laws in
conflict herewith, and declaring an
emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the name of Wil-lacy County, created by an Act of the Thirty-second Legislature and approved March 11, 1911, be and the same is hereby changed to, and shall hereafter be known and called, Mifflin Kennedy County, as originally requested and now requested by a large majority of the people residing in that portion of the State in which said county is located, in honor of the memory of Captain Mifflin Kennedy, an early Texas pioneer, patriot and philanthropist.

Sec. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. The fact that property is now being listed for taxes and the necessity for making the tax rolls out in the proper name of the county in which the same is situated; and on account of the great number of bills now pending before the Legislature for consideration, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity exists that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change the name of Wil-lacy County to Mifflin Kennedy County, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed in the Journal.

Parr, Chairman, Smith, Woodward, Johnston of Harris, Clark.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Friday, January 26, 1917.

The Senate met at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderidce.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Decherd.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	

Absent.

Page.	Suiter.
Parr.	Woodward.
Robbins.	

Absent—Excused.

Bailey.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall.

See Appendix for brief statement of petitions and memorials.

See Appendix for standing committee reports.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Buchanan of Scurry:

S. B. No. 227, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 147, Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature entitled 'An Act authorizing cities having more than five thousand inhabitants by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, to adopt and amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature; and enumerating certain powers and pro-